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JUDGES GARIBALDI AND RICHARDSON AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

The State Justice Institute (SJI) awarded First Judicial Circuit Judges Colette Garibaldi and Barbara Richardson a \$650 scholarship each to attend the "Managing Cases Involving Persons with Mental Disabilities" course on October 13 and 14 in Reno, Nevada.

The course provided judges with an understanding of mental health issues that affect and are affected by the justice system. Participants learned to identify and assess individuals with mental health disorders and employ judicial strategies to address them effectively.

SJI is a non-profit organization established by Federal law to award grants to improve the quality of justice in State courts nationwide, facilitate better coordination between State and Federal courts, and foster innovative, efficient solutions to common problems faced by all courts.

For more information about the Institute, log onto the SJI website at <http://www.state.justice.org>.

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